Train Services in U.P.

2844. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in U.P. which are without train services and need the same;

(b) the areas in the State where train services are deficient; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) There is a vast network of railway lines covering the State of Uttar Pradesh where train services are in operation. However, a number of projects for development of rail infrastructure in the State are also in progress on operational, socio-economic and other considerations. The train services are also being augmented from time to time subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources and traffic requirements.

Funds for Railway works in Kerala

2845. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted and spent by Government during the last three years to undertake works in Kerala;

(b) whether any diversion of funds has taken place during the same period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Some of the Railway project fall partly in the state. The funds allocated/expenditure incurred is maintained project wise. Hence it is not feasible to indicate funds/expenditure, state-wise.

(b) and (c) the allocation to projects is done keeping in view the inter-se requirement of the various projects and the availability of

resources. Re-appropriation of funds from one project to another is a continuous process based on the physical progress and the relative priority of the work.

Special Grant for Railway Projects

2846. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have sought special grant from the Central Government to accelerate work on select projects;

(b) if so, project the proposed to be covered by the Special Grants; and

(c) the response received from the Finance Ministry in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Railways have sought additional funds from the Central Government for expediting the progress of identified projects. The names of these projects are at Statement (*See* below).

Ministry of Finance have agreed to release an amount of Rs.. 898 Crores for these selected projects, which has been proposed in Supplementary Demand for Grants 2001-2002.

Statement

Central Funded Projects

New Lines

1. Panvel-Karjat : Electrified Line (Phase-I)
2. Fatua-Islampur including material modification for extension of new line from Bihar Sharif to Barbigha
3. Koderma-Ranchi
4. Rajgir-Hisua-Tilaya
5. Katra-Faizabad
6. Chandigarh-Ludhiana
7. Jammu. Tawi-Udhampur
8. Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramula
9. Hubli-Ankola
10. Daitari-Banspani